



**Congresswoman Betsy Markey**

**Colorado Fourth Congressional District**

**United State Military Academy**

**Nomination Packet**

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## CONGRESSWOMAN BETSY MARKEY

### COLORADO FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Service Academy Information: Timetable of Application Process, Eligibility Requirements and Selection Criteria

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#### Timetable of Application Process

May 15, 2009

Request Nomination Application from the Fort Collins office (address below), or download from the website:

[www.betsymarkey.house.gov](http://www.betsymarkey.house.gov)

Students who reside in the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado and who are preparing to enter their senior year of high school may begin submitting application materials to request a Congressional nomination for a Service Academy.

A nomination from Representative Markey or one of your United States Senators from Colorado makes you eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy: the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. You should apply to both of your Senators as well as to Congresswoman Markey for a nomination.

September 25, 2009 **Nomination Application Deadline**

ALL applications and required materials **MUST** be postmarked or submitted online no later than **Friday, September 25, 2009**.  
**No Exceptions Will Be Made.**

Please mail or deliver your nomination application to:

**Congresswoman Betsy Markey**  
**Attn: Nancy Bryan**  
**123 North College Avenue, Suite 220**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80524**

**Applicants Are Responsible for Making Sure Their Files Are Complete.**

If you do not submit the required information by the postmarked deadline, your application will not be considered.

October 24, 2009

Applicants will meet one-on-one with Congresswoman Markey's Academy Selection Board, which is composed of citizens selected from throughout the Fourth Congressional District and whose backgrounds and credentials qualify them to nominate the most qualified applicants.

This thirty minute interview is mandatory for all applicants whose written applications show them to fully qualify for a nomination. The interviews will be held in the Fort Collins office and applicants will be notified of their interview time well in advance of the date.

The Academy Selection Board will also review each applicant's written materials, and they will make the decisions based on the "whole person" qualifications sought by the Academies: good moral character, a commendable academic record, evidence of strong leadership potential, physical aptitude, medical fitness, and motivation to achieve academically and eventually to serve as an officer in the Armed Forces.

December-January, 2009-2010

Announcement of nominees: the Academy Selection Board will make its nominations and all nominees will be notified.

Beginning February, 2010

Offers of appointments from the Service Academies.

A nomination by Congresswoman Markey DOES NOT automatically result in selection by the Military Service Academies.

**Selection for Appointment to each Academy is Ultimately Decided upon by the Academy or Academies to which you have applied.**

## Service Academy Nomination Requirements

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Applicants must meet the following requirements as of July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of admission to an Academy:

1. Age - The applicant must be between 17 and 22 years old.
  2. Citizenship - He/she must be a United States citizen by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the application year.
  3. Marital Status - He/she must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
  4. Scholastic - He/she shall have graduated from high school before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of entrance to an Academy.
  5. Domicile - He/she must reside in the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado.
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Applicants must submit the following documents to the Congresswoman's Fort Collins office by:  
September 25, 2009:

1. Letter requesting nomination: Write a letter to Congresswoman Betsy Markey requesting she nominate you for an appointment in the academy or academies of your choice.
2. Application for Nomination: Return the COMPLETED application.
3. Resume: Provide a detailed listing of your academic honors, community service, athletic and other co-curricular activities, and other notable accomplishments. Please list these in order of importance to you.
4. Essays: There are two essay questions that are to be answered in no more than two pages each. Full instructions are given in the application itself.
5. Photo: Attach a recent color photo (2"x2") to your completed application.
6. Letters of recommendation: Submit two personal letters of recommendation from people who know you well but are not related to you. Such people might be teachers, employers, community leaders, church leaders, Scout/JROTC leaders, or other adults who know you well enough to assess your intellect, character and suitability for military service.

These letters must either be sent directly to the Fort Collins office, which is preferable; or they may be given to you to include in your application materials. If you choose the latter, your recommenders must give their letters to you in sealed envelopes with their signature across the seal.

7. Counselor's form and letter of recommendation: Deliver the Counselor Form to your high school guidance counselor and have her/him send the completed form with their letter of recommendation directly to the Fort Collins office.
8. Official transcripts: Submit a copy of your official high school transcript to be sent directly from your high school (or college, if applicable) to the Fort Collins office. You must have every school you have attended in grades 9-12 send a transcript so that your entire high school academic record can be considered.
9. Standardized test results: Have you SAT and/or ACT scores sent directly from the testing services to the Fort Collins office. We must receive at least one official score by the September 25<sup>th</sup> deadline.

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**Checklist for Forms to be Received For Completed Nomination File**  
**Deadline: Friday, September 25, 2009**  
**No Exceptions**

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| 1. Letter requesting nomination  | _____ |
| 2. Nomination application  | _____ |
| 3. Resume  | _____ |
| 4. Essays  | _____ |
| 5. Photo   | _____ |
| 6. Two letters of recommendation<br>(unless mailed directly by recommenders) | _____ |
| 7. High School Counselor's recommendation form                               | _____ |
| 8. Official academic transcripts   | _____ |
| 9. ACT and/or SAT scores   | _____ |

## Military Service Academy Information

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The President of the United States, Vice President, Members of Congress and some other agencies and organizations have the authority to nominate persons for admission to a Service Academy.

Applicants should direct any questions regarding the admissions process for a particular Academy to the Academy's Admissions office. Applicants are responsible for initiating a pre-candidate file at each Academy to which they are seeking a nomination. Contact for each of the academies is listed:

### United States Military Academy

Director of Admissions

United States Military Academy

606 Thayer Road

West Point, New York 10996

(845)938-4041 or (800)822-2769

Website: <http://www.usma.edu>

### United State Naval Academy

Candidate Guidance Office

United State Naval Academy

117 Decatur Road

Annapolis, Maryland 21402

(410)293-4361 or (800)638-9156

Website: <http://www.usna.edu>

### United State Air Force Academy

USAFA / RRS

2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200

USAF Academy, Colorado 80840

(800) 443-9266

Website: <http://www.usafa.af.mil>

### United State Merchant Marine Academy

Director of Admissions

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Kings Point, New York 11024

(800) 732-6267

Website: <http://www.usmma.edu>

### United States Coast Guard Academy

Director of Admissions

15 Mohegan Avenue

New London, Connecticut 06320

(800) 883-USCG

Website: <http://www.cga.edu>

\* It is not necessary to seek a nomination to attend the Coast Guard Academy. U.S.C.G.A. accepts candidates based on their own testing criteria. Any individual interested in applying must contact the Academy directly

\* The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy uses state quotas to determine admission rather than district quotas. For the Merchant Marine Academy, a Member of Congress may nominate as with other academies, however, there is no dedicated position available. Each nominee selected must compete statewide for the vacancies and the Merchant Marine Academy makes the selection.

### Final Admission to the Academies

The selection of appointee is ultimately decided upon by the Academy to which you have applied. Nomination by Congresswoman Betsy Markey does not automatically result in selection by the Military Service Academies.

Congresswoman Betsy Markey  
Fourth Congressional District of Colorado

ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

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Please rank the Academies to which you are applying in the order of your preference:  
one being highest to five, as applicable.

_____ United States Air Force Academy	_____ United States Naval Academy
_____ United States Military Academy	_____ United States Coast Guard (no nomination made)
_____ United States Merchant Marine Academy	

Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

Nickname or name called: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street/post office box) (city) (state) (zip)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different) (street/post office box) (city) (state) (zip)

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM DD YYYY)

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Father or Guardian/ daytime phone number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother or Guardian/ daytime phone number)

Academic Information:

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (weighted) \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (unweighted) \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: Total - \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal - \_\_\_\_\_ Math - \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Scores: Total - \_\_\_\_\_  
English - \_\_\_\_\_ Math - \_\_\_\_\_ Reading - \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Remember that you must also have your standardized test scores sent from the testing service directly to: Congresswoman Markey's Office, Attn: Nancy Bryan, 123 N. College Avenue, Suite 220, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

College/University Experience (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(include name of the institution, dates of attendance, GPA)

Honors and Awards (earned from grades 9-12) – Please list in chronological order.

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(You may attach an additional page if necessary. Please explain the nature of any honor or award if it is not obvious.)

Leadership Positions (earned from grades 9-12) – Please list in order of their importance to you.

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Employment History: Please list any jobs you may have held since the ninth grade, tell the number of hours you worked each week, how many weeks or months you held the job, and give a brief description of your responsibilities. (Skip this if it does not apply to you.)

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Additional Interests and/or Responsibilities: Feel free to name and explain any additional involvements which you have had from the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Also, if there have been unusual circumstances in your life which you know to be important, please tell us about them.

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## ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please limit your responses to each question below to no more than two pages, double-spaced. Although the content of your essays is most important, your spelling, grammar, punctuation and writing style will also be evaluated.

Attach your completed essays to this cover page with a PAPER CLIP (not a staple) and return them with the other parts of your application.

### Essay Questions:

1. What have you done so far in your life of which you are the most proud and why?
2. In what ways do you expect attending a Service Academy to differ from attending a civilian college or university and why do these appeal to you?

## APPLICATION SIGNATURE PAGE

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I hereby certify that I am a legal resident of the Fourth Congressional District of the State of Colorado and meet all of the eligibility requirements as stated in the information guide and application provided by Congresswoman Betsy Markey's office.

I request that Congresswoman Markey consider my application for a Congressional Nomination to the United States Service Academy that I have listed. I affirm that I have never been convicted or arrested for violating a state or federal statute.

I understand that the postmark deadline for this application is September 25, 2009. If I have not submitted all of the required information postmarked by the deadline, I understand that my application will not be considered.

I, the undersigned, certify that the information I have provided on this application is accurate and has been completed to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For applicants under 18 years of age:

I approve of this application and certify that all of the information provided by my child or ward is accurate.

I understand that if my child or ward is nominated to a Service Academy, any announcement to news media will be made by Congresswoman Markey's office.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_